

New Bedford

October 5 1896 Thursday evening

Dear Caroline

I got the bundle safe

and sound Saturday night and glad was I to get
it, it was late in the evening and I had entirely given
up hearing. I long to be in Boston just now, for I think
you will have some fun soon. Write me how long
Maria's report is to be, & what is to be the gist of
the matter. Last Saturday afternoon I went to Susan
Tabor's to help lay the foundation of a female society.
There were very few there, but they were strong ones.
There is to be another meeting next Saturday afternoon.
The petition is getting on finely. Charlotte expects to
get 500 names, she has got 160 now & they have
been put in one or two streets, long ones to be sure.
There is a report here that a thousand names have
been obtained in Boston already. I also Isaac Tabor
says that he heard in New Bedford that there had been
a private meeting of the Mass Anti S.S. in which it was
decided that the abolitionists should vote for Van Buren
& that a private agent had been sent to the country

society, telling them what they must do. I scoffed at the matter altogether, well knowing that if Dr. Farnsworth was out of town there is not another man up to laying such a plan. I rejoice to hear that Garrison is to make the address to the society on the day of our annual meeting we ought to do something to keep our credit up. What day does our meeting come? the 2^d Wednesday in October as usual, or when? Write me all about it the moment it is over & send the report as soon as the 1st copy is printed off. There was a meeting of the N. B. Bible society the last Sunday night held in Mr Bent's church which was very much crowded, more than a 1,000 persons there. Phineas Grandall, the Methodist minister here & whom you have probably heard of as an abolitionist made the first speech. It was very good as far as it went but he did not testify as he ought. Henry Lee spoke next & every one acknowledged that he made the best speech of any. He testified faithfully. Tell Anne she would have been thunderstruck to have heard how well he can speak. I had no idea it was in him. Mr Bent then spoke very well. Mr Holmes spoke last & kept people laughing all the time. I saw a young Cunningham at the mansion house the other day, son of the auctioneer in Boston. He has been at the South for the last 7 years & is much uplift thereat. As the Doubledays were wondering

what I should do at the South on account of slave labour
my young gentleman comes up to me & says "I suspect
Miss Weston you don't know much about the state of
our servants." "Oh yes I do" says I for I have read the
laws of the slave states. He walked off immediately &
that is the last I have seen of him. I write you this so that
if Cunningham (the old man) mols you, you may know
what ails him. Tell Maria that I will try to move the
New Bedford brethren in her behalf & Andrew if I can
get a chance at him. Abby Osgood told me the story of anti
slavery on the tops of the children's stairings & she heard
it in Charleston. What do you think of my staying
here another quarter, or will Anne prefer to come back
or can we all stay at home. Mr Emerson will I think
want one of us next quarter. The school is very large
now 37 scholars. I send Jo Bunker's letter which Louisa
Sanger lost. I found it behind the book case. Jo begins
to feel pretty bad, it grows personal fast. I went to the
Post office and inquired for the paper he speaks of but
could not get it. Mr Bent had a letter from Anne sat-
-urday night & she describes herself as very much better.
I suppose she will come home the first pleasant day,
if she is not with you now. Tell her to write me by
mail the moment she gets home (you say you have
received 3 letters from me since I have been here. I have
written 4, but before I say anything to Mr Bent about it
I want to be sure that you have not got it. The missing
letter was one I sent by Mr Bent when he went to the Cam-
-bridge celebration. He sent it in from Milton. Among other

things which I asked you to send was a piece of an old
cloth shoe which by the way I do not want now. It also con-
tained a request for Henry's watch, for I wrote two letters
asking for that. Let me know sure for I shall ask Mr
Bent about it. The Mr Affleton who will give you this is
son of General Affleton & calls himself an abolitionist, but
I have serious doubts, for I hear he said to Mr Bent that
that bothection abolitionism was making difficulty in his
church. The drawings you sent were just the thing I
wanted. The next chance you have want you send my
blue color's gown hanging up in my chamber closet. It
will want doing if have it starched stiff. also Corinne
2 vol, if Lucia has finished it. Give my love to the
Weymouths. Tell Aunt Mary I will write to her soon,
she must write to me
As soon as they have held their annual meeting, love
to all, is Emma in town, if she is, she must write
to me, most affectionately yours D W

Love to Mary Ann & Lucretia. I am much obliged
by her note. I will write to her the first chance.

Dont get the 2 vol of Agnes Serle, it is all a token
in - comes out bad. Thursday night. 6th of October This
is the first year since Maria's marriage that I have not been
at her house on this night. Give my best love to old Mr Chapin
and Channing Place altogether. I have just returned from a Temperance
meeting at Mr Charles's church. It was very thinly attended, but
as they seemed aware of what a dead estate they were in, & to
know what they ought to do I hope they will do something. They
would be in trouble enough if they should better themselves. 50
gown shops in the floor.